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CHARLESTON, IL--Symbolic of the new life that comes with a greening spring, Eastern Illinois University will present its annual "Celebration: A Festival of the Arts" on Thursday-Sunday, April 24-26.

Celebration '87 will feature continuous performances on the quad stage (near the main entrance of Booth Library), ethnic food booths, a wide variety of arts and crafts demonstrations and booths, and folk art.

Special features include the Chicago-based dance troupe, Mordine & Co.; Roger Shimomura, a nationally-recognized painter, printmaker and performance artist; the Elvis Brothers, a performing, recording group; and presentations of "The Skin of our Teeth," the Thornton Wilder comedy.

This "comic burlesque" won the Pulitzer Prize in 1943. A spokesman for Celebration '87 said the play "shatters all the arguments of the prophets of doom...a just cause for 'Celebration'."

Shimomura, professor of art at the University of Kansas, is a recipient of the National Endowment for the Arts Award. He will present an evening of multi-media art with large scale puppets and other visual devices on Saturday, April 25.

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### Celebration

The dance troupe will hold master classes at Eastern and workshops in the Charleston schools. An evening performance is scheduled for Friday, April 24.

Other features will involve children's art activities and a children's theatre presentation of "If You're a Dreamer, Come on In!"